GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME OF FREQUENT TRAVELLERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Scheme of Frequent Travellers (SOFT) for railway passengers has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is applicable only to 1st AC, 2AC and AC Chair Car Classes and not to 3rd AC and sleeper classes;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Railways for extending the said scheme for all classes of passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d) : With a view to improve the patronisation of higher classes, where occupancy level is relatively low as compared to that in Sleeper class and 3-AC classes, a Scheme of Frequent Travellers (SOFT) has been launched in the month of February, 2006, which is applicable to ls` AC, 2AC and AC Chair Car Classes. A Frequent Traveller will get a complimentary train trip after certain number of reward points are accumulated,

(e): Since there is already relatively higher demand in other classes, at present, there is no such proposal under consideration to extend this Scheme to other classes.